

Department of Planning and Development



BUDGET PRESENTATION

Zoning and Planning Committee

April 27, 2015

This Year's Budget Changes

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City-funded changes

- Budgeted FY16 \$1,523,936
- Budgeted FY15 \$1,455,602
- **FY16 Increase of \$68,334 (4.7%)**

Federally-funded changes

- CDBG \$1,768,620 (-1.17%)
- HOME \$1,125,677 (-9.2%)
- ESG \$159,511 (+11%)
- Total \$3,172,610
- **FY16 decrease of \$118,802 (-3.74%)**

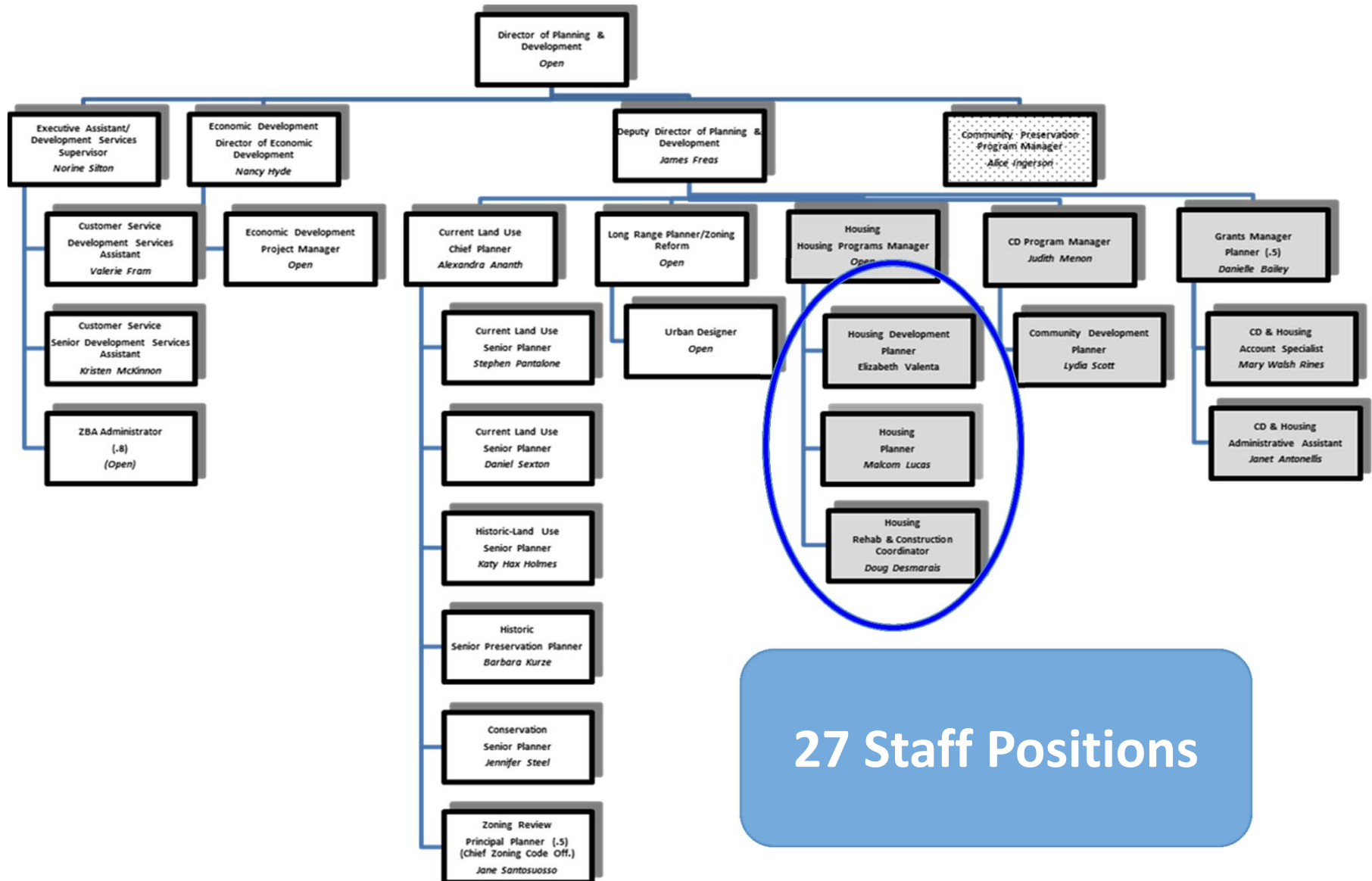
Mission Statement

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Support the City's planning and policy-making function, contributing expertise in urban and community design, environmental policy, historic preservation, and housing and economic development while ensuring implementation of the City's adopted plans, policies, and regulations.



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* The Planning Department will be working with a management consultant to, in part, assess the current departmental structure and propose changes
 Grey boxes indicate federally-funded positions. The Dotted box is funded by Newton's Community Preservation Fund.

Committees and Commissions assisted by Planning Department

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- Board Committees
 - Land
 - Real
 - Zoni
- Auburn
- Brookli
- Continuum of Care
- Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission
- Commission on Dis
- Community Preserv
- Conservation Com
- Economic Develop
- Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Fair Housing Committee
- Farm Commission (Angino)
- Human Services Advisory Committee

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- Newton Corner Advisory Committee
- Newton Historical Commission
- Newton Housing Partnership
- Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission
- Newtonville Advisory Committee
- Newtonville Historic District Commission
- Quantum Advisory Committee
- Planning and Development Board
- Transportation Advisory Group (TAG)
- Upper Falls Advisory Committee
- Urban Design Commission
- West Newton Advisory Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Outcomes

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1. Support the Vitality & Economic Development of Villages and Commercial Centers.
2. Facilitate Understanding & Consistency of Zoning Regulations.
3. Protect Natural Resources.
4. Enhance & Protect City's Historic Resources.
5. Outcomes of the Consolidated Plan.

Goals

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1. Achieve 10% affordable housing by 2021.
2. Meet the needs of Newton's changing demographic.
3. Support growth in the innovation economy.
4. Expand Newton as a community of opportunity.

Principles

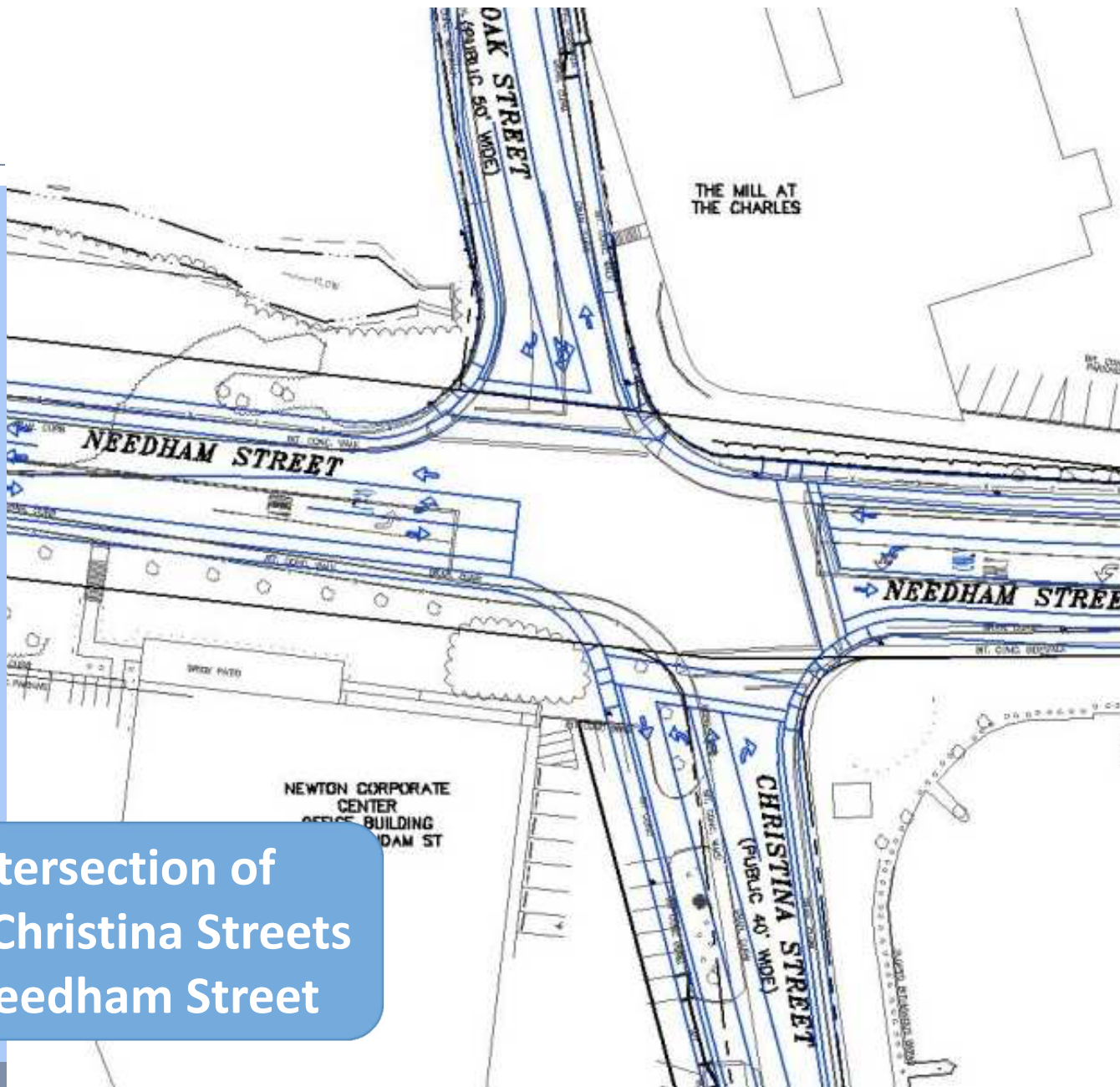
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1. Data driven decision-making and result tracking.
2. Expand opportunities for community engagement.
3. Focus on high-quality design.

Land Use & Transportation

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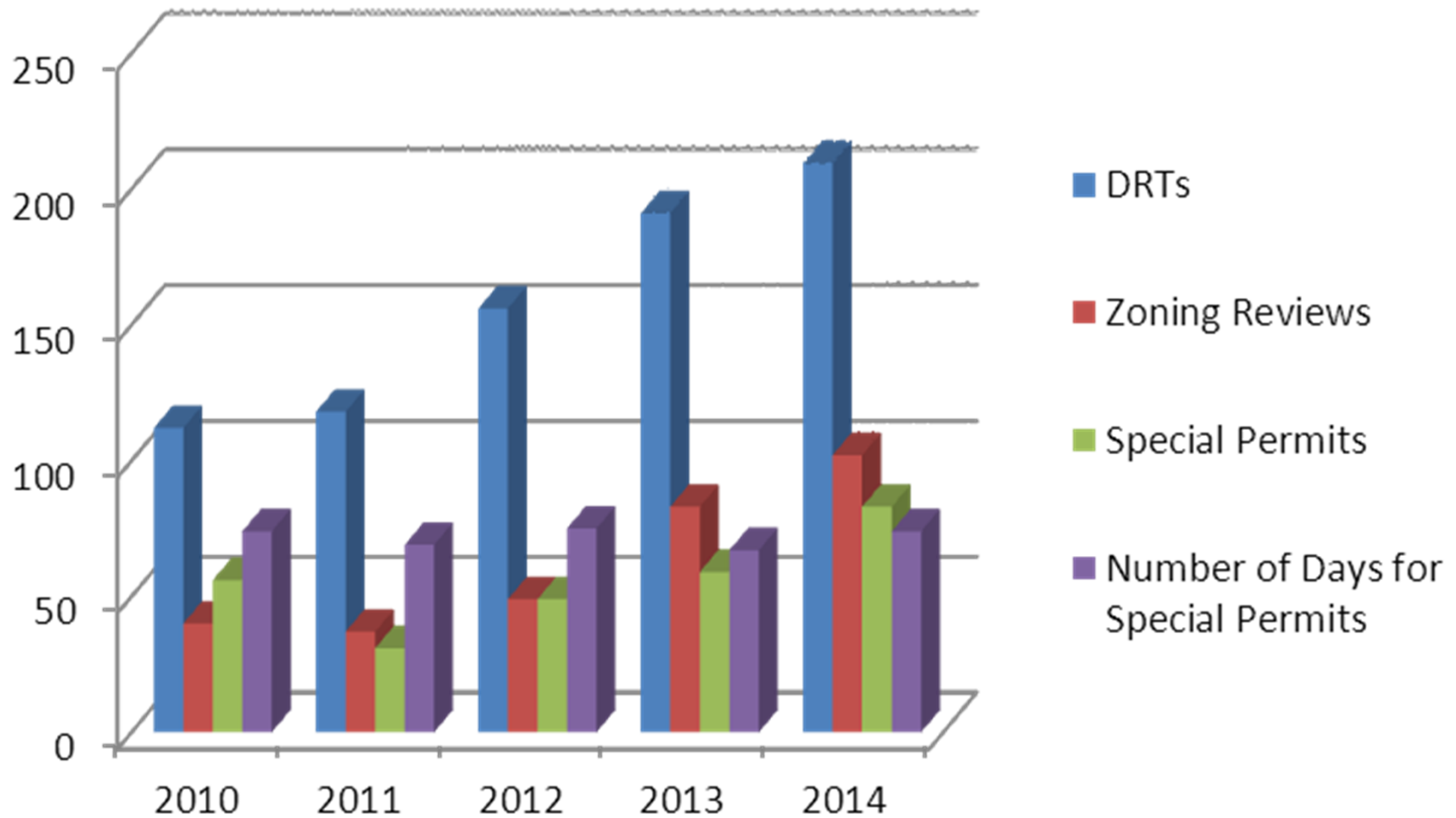
Intersection of
Oak/Christina Streets
& Needham Street





Development Permitting

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Long Range Planning

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Newton, Massachusetts Chapter 30: Zoning Ordinance

FINAL DRAFT March 25, 2015



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Economic Development

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Austin Street & Housing Strategy

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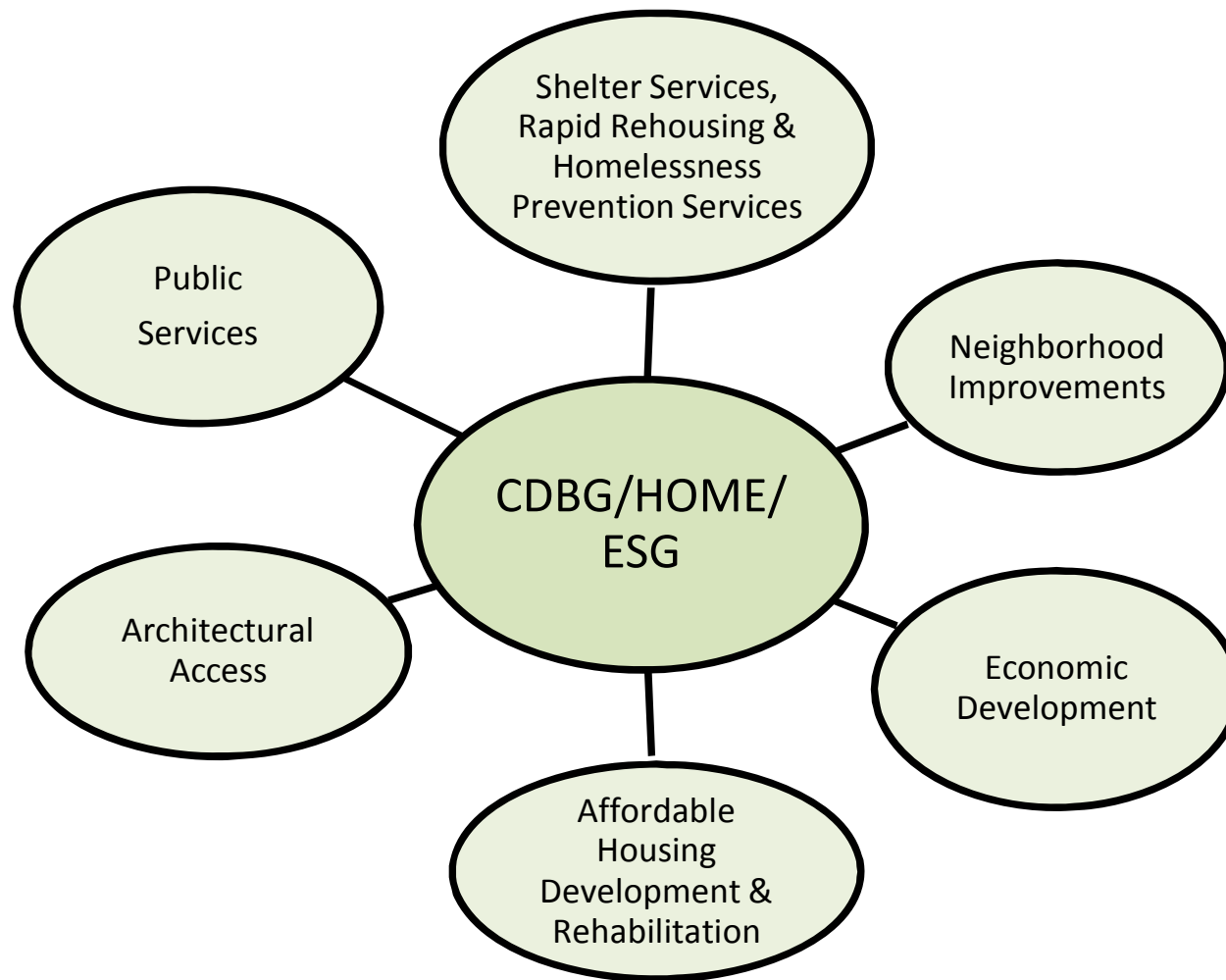


Riverside Station
A green, transit-oriented community



Community Development & Housing

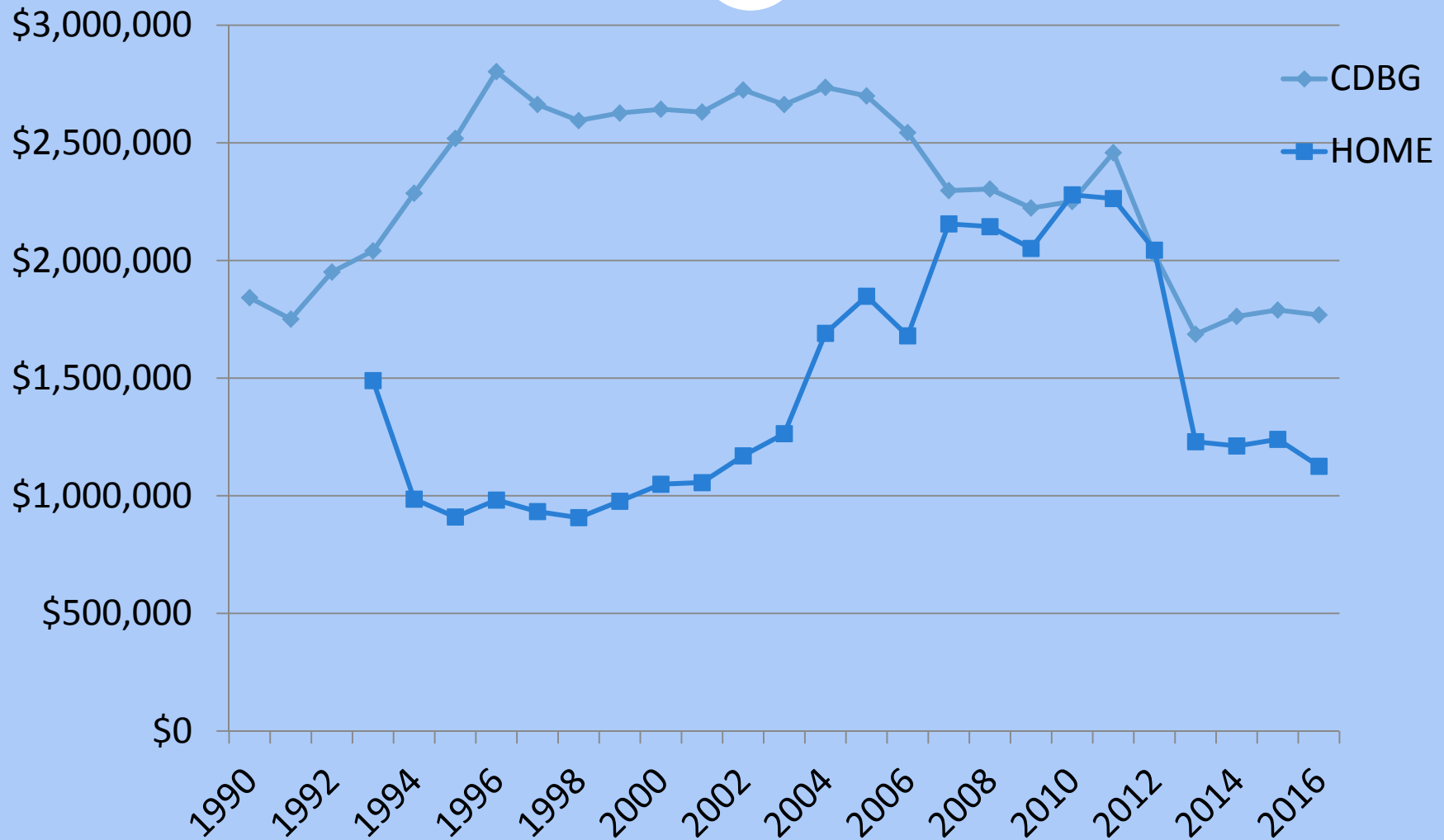
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Annual Changes to Newton's CDBG & HOME Allocation

FY1990 - 2016

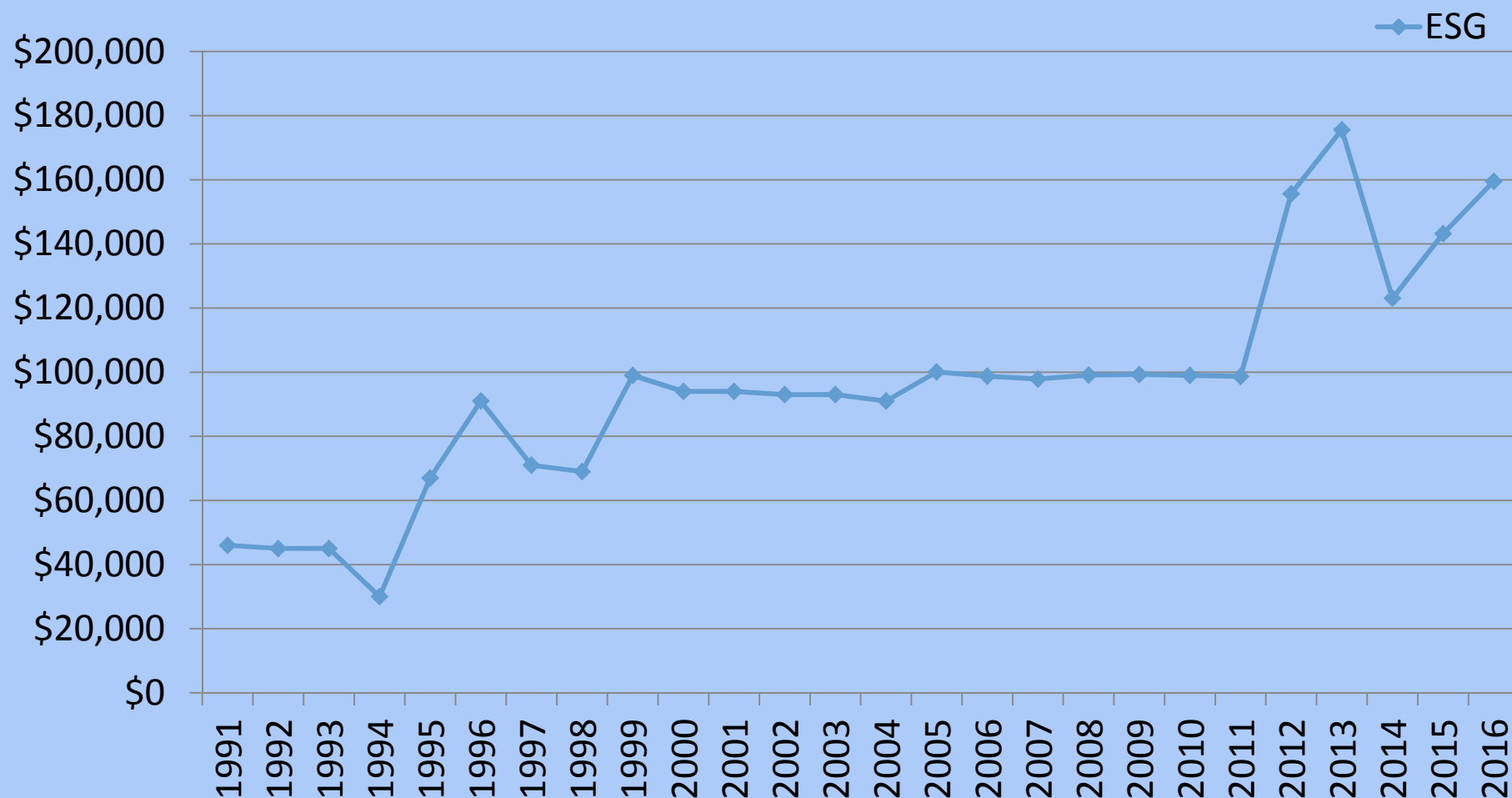
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Annual Changes to Newton's ESG Allocation

FY1990 - 2016

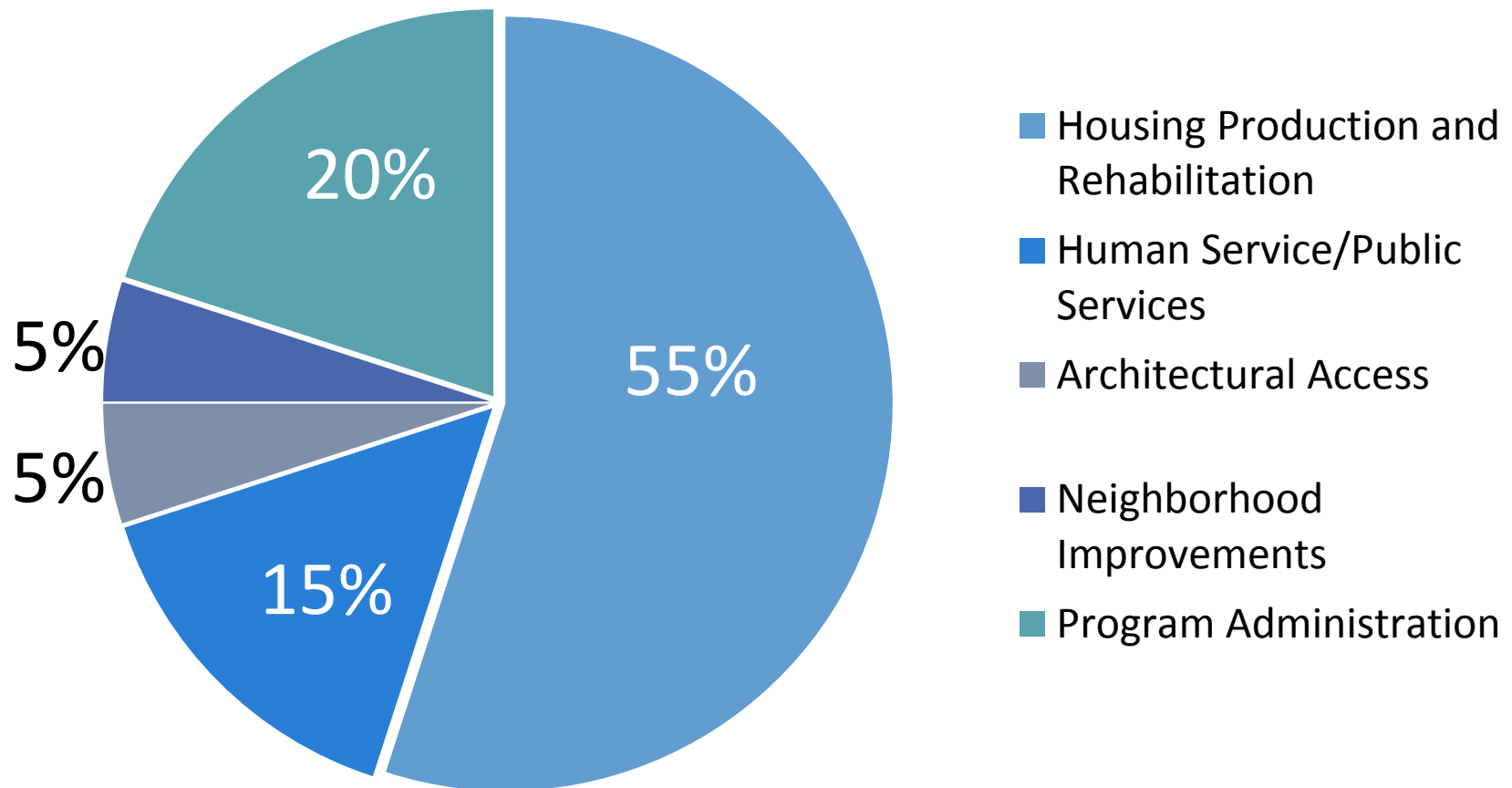
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Recommended CDBG Allocations, FY16-20

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Proposed Allocations by Program Area



Consolidated Plan & Annual Action Plans

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Homelessness Prevention Services

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Continuum of Care FY15

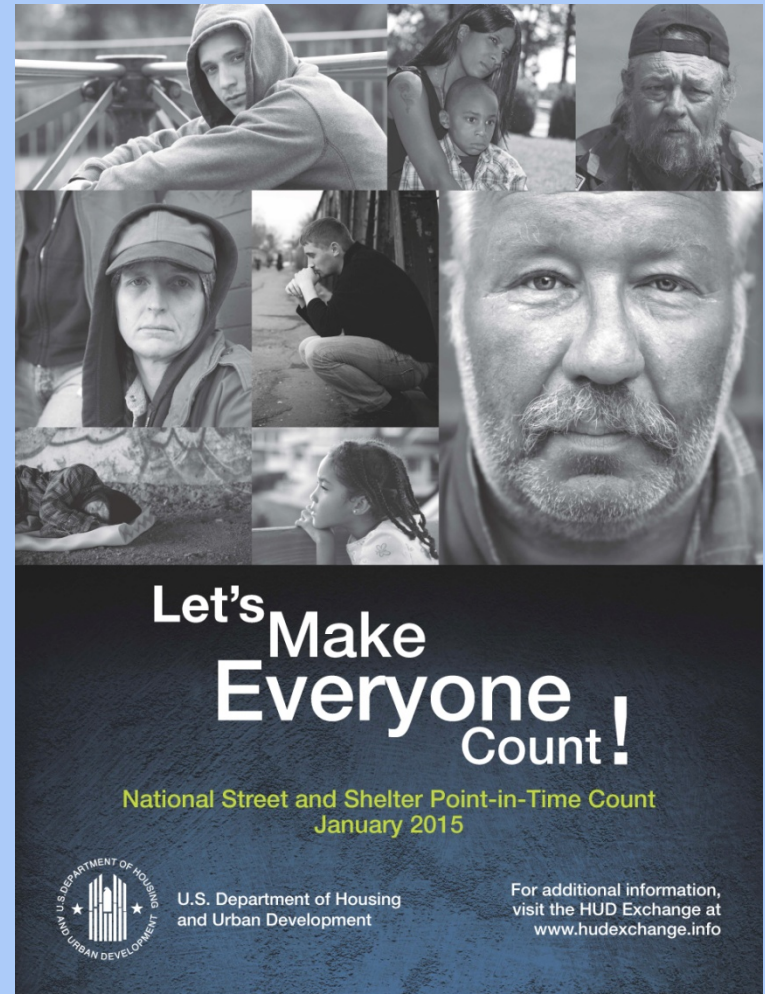
Brookline

Newton

Waltham

Watertown

\$1.49 Million



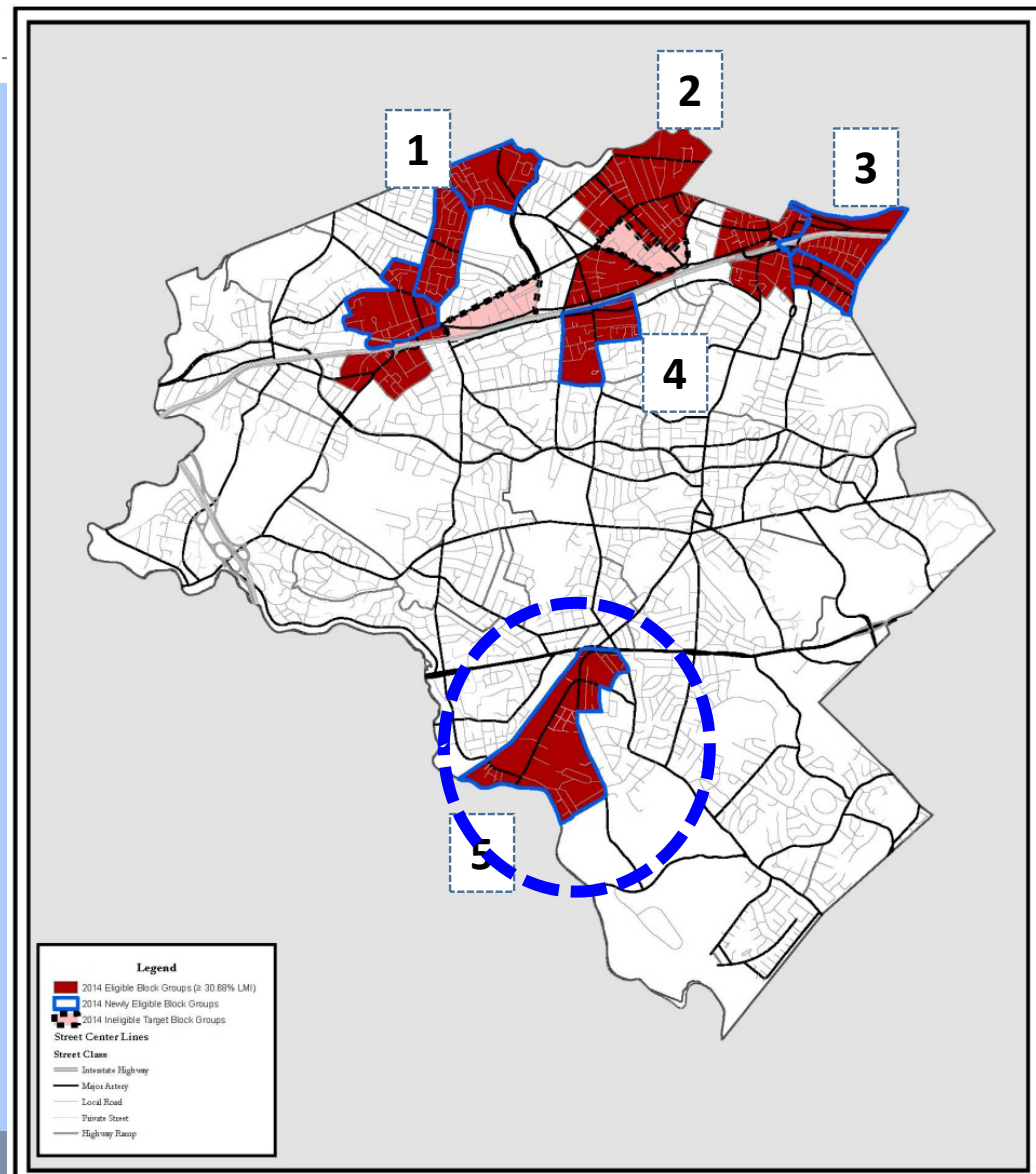
Homelessness Prevention Services

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ESG Component	FY15	FY16 (proposed)
Shelter Services (providers to be determined through RFP)	\$63,674	\$63,804
Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing (providers to be determined through RFP)	\$58,788	\$70,982
Street Outreach	\$10,000	\$11,166
Administration	\$10,740	\$11,963
Homelessness Management Information Systems (HMIS)	\$0	\$1,595
Total	\$143,202	\$159,511

Neighborhood Improvements

1. West Newton
2. Nonantum
3. Newton Corner
4. Newtonville
5. Upper Falls



Economic Development (CDBG)

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- Develop job training program
 - Approx. \$140,000 available funding in revolving loan fund
 - No new grant funding allocation in FY16
 - Work with local employer to create jobs for low- and moderate-income residents
 - Job training and placement assistance was highest-ranked economic development priority need

Affordable Housing Development & Rehab Program

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Myrtle Village (12,18-20 Curve St.)



Golda Meir House



54 Taft Avenue

Housing and Community Development

Housing

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- First-Time Homebuyer Program
 - \$1,057,000 in new Homebuyer funds recommended by CPC in spring 2015
 - Guidelines will be revised for fall 2015
- Tenant-based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)
 - Provide assistance to 2 families

Affordable Housing Development & Rehab Program

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- Provided assistance to 8 low- and moderate-income households for hazard abatement, emergency repairs, code compliance and accessibility improvements

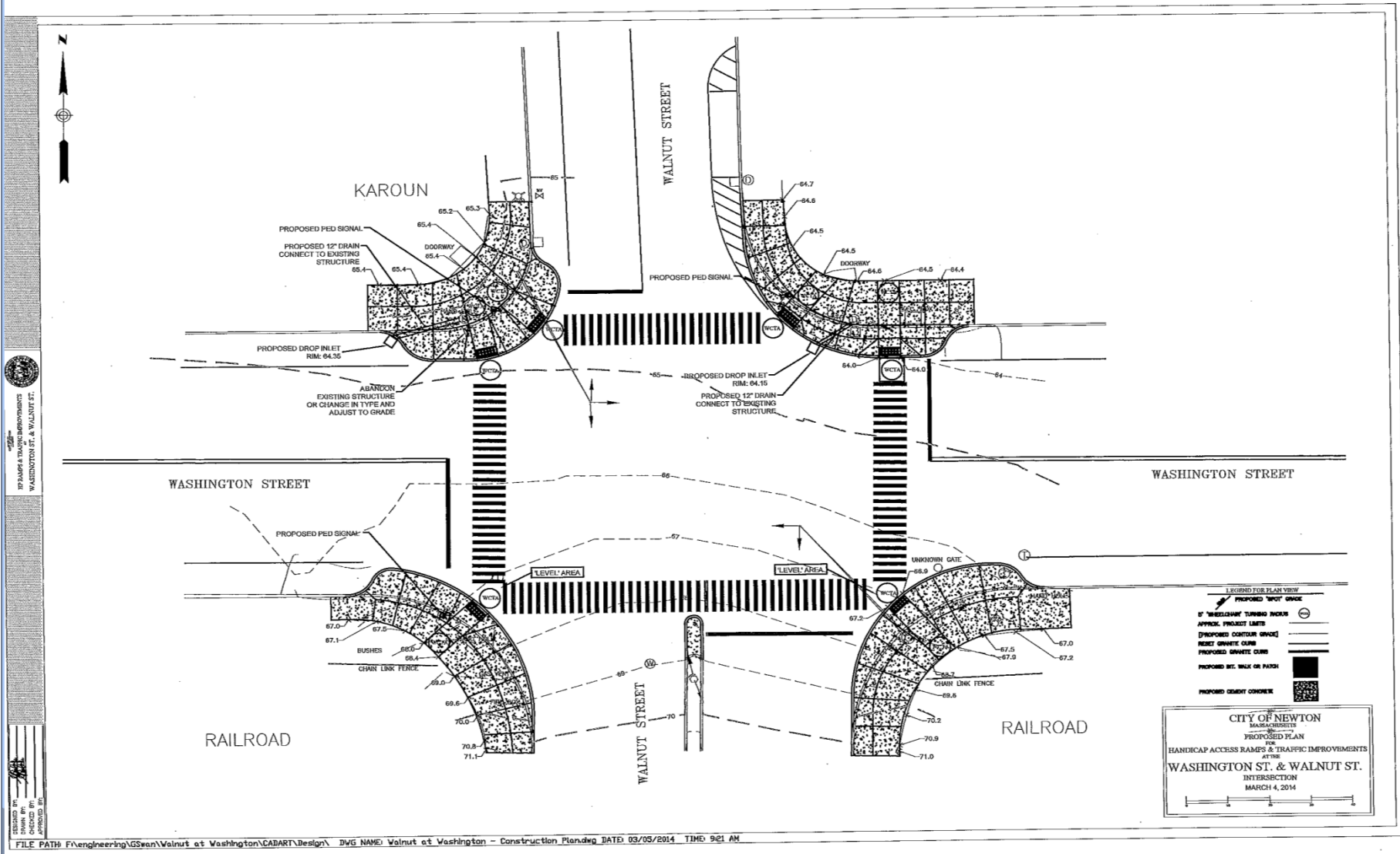


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In Progress

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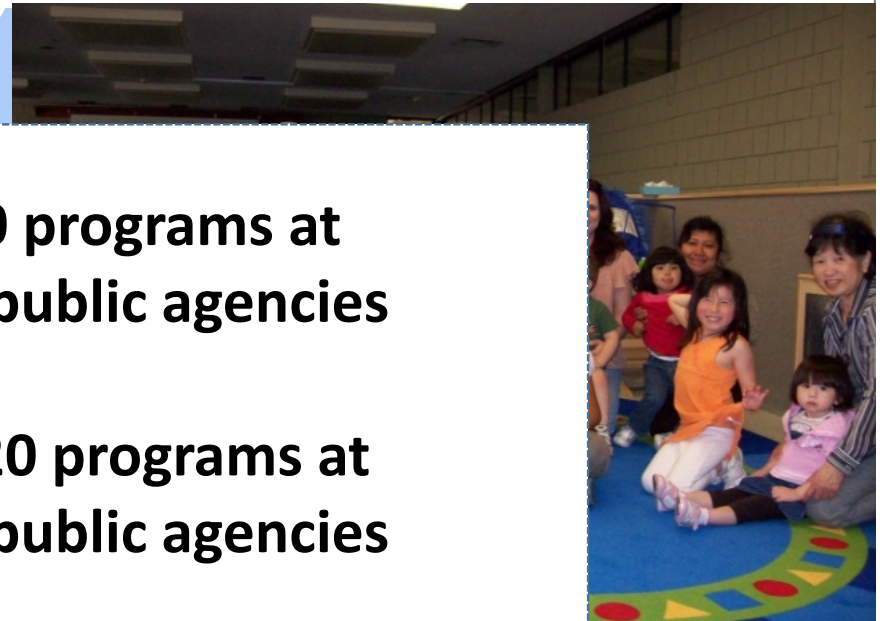
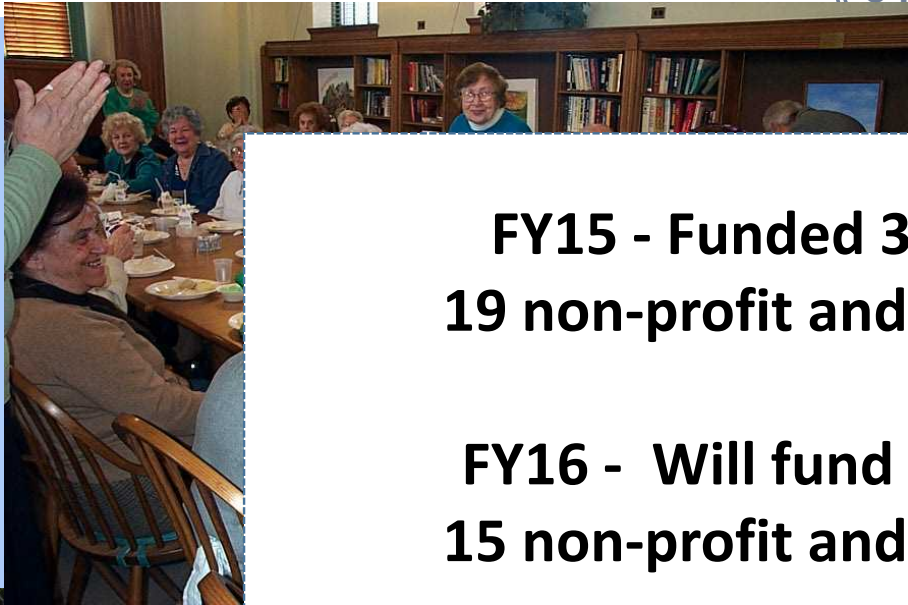


Public Services

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**FY15 - Funded 30 programs at
19 non-profit and public agencies**

**FY16 - Will fund 20 programs at
15 non-profit and public agencies**



Conservation

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Newton Conservation Land

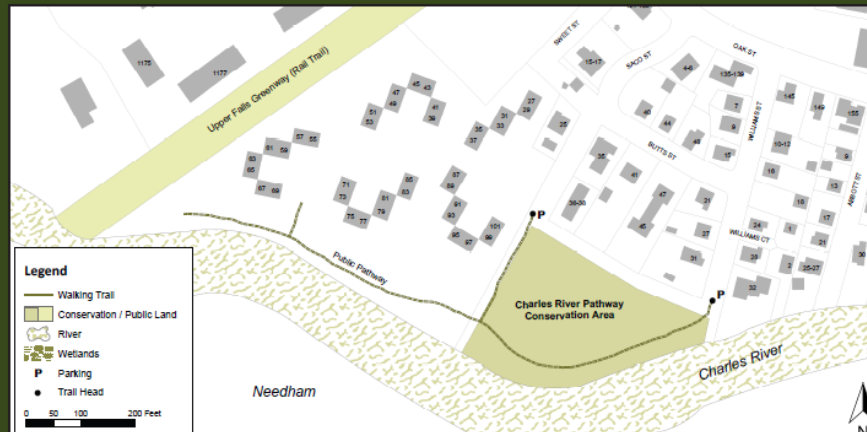
Enjoy this nature reserve from dawn to dusk

Leave no trace of your visit

Dogs must be on leashes

Dog waste must be carried out

Charles River Conservation Area



For more information, contact the Newton Conservation Commission at (617) 796-1120

Historic Preservation

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Early Industrial Period buildings (1850-1870)

Questions

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